

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
HOUSTON DIVISION**

<b>In re:</b>	§	
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<b>ALEXANDER E. JONES,</b>	§	<b>Chapter 7</b>
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<b>Debtor.</b>	§	<b>Case No. 22-33553 (CML)</b>
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**FIFTEENTH MONTHLY FEE STATEMENT OF PORTER HEDGES LLP, AS BANKRUPTCY  
COUNSEL FOR CHAPTER 7 TRUSTEE, CHRISTOPHER R. MURRAY, FOR ALLOWANCE  
OF COMPENSATION AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES FOR THE  
PERIOD FROM AUGUST 1, 2025 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2025**

<b>Name of Applicant:</b>	Porter Hedges LLP, as Bankruptcy Counsel for the Chapter 7 Trustee, Christopher R. Murray
<b>Date of Retention Order:</b>	July 30, 2024 (Doc. No. 792) <sup>1</sup>
<b>Period for which Fees and Expenses are Incurred:</b>	August 1, 2025 through and including August 31, 2025
<b>Interim Fees Incurred:</b>	\$37,540.50
<b>Interim Payment of Fees Requested (80%):</b>	\$30,032.40
<b>Interim Expenses Incurred:</b>	\$2,523.07
<b>Total Fees and Expenses Due:</b>	\$32,555.47

This is the Fifteenth Monthly Fee Statement.

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<sup>1</sup> The Trustee's application to employ Porter Hedges was filed at Docket No. 756.

Porter Hedges LLP (“Porter Hedges”), as Bankruptcy Counsel for the Chapter 7 Trustee, Christopher R. Murray (the “Trustee”), submits this Fifteenth Monthly Fee Statement (the “Fee Statement”) for the period from August 1, 2025 through August 31, 2025 (the “Application Period”) in accordance with the proposed *Order Establishing Procedures for Interim Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses for Professionals and Trustee* [Docket No. 793] (the “Interim Compensation Order”).

Porter Hedges requests compensation for professional services rendered in the amount of \$37,540.50 (the “Fees”), and for reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses incurred in the amount of \$2,523.07 (the “Expenses”), for the period from August 1, 2025 through August 31, 2025. Eighty percent (80%) of the fees equals \$30,032.40 and one hundred percent (100%) of the Expenses equals \$2,523.07 for a total requested amount of \$32,555.47.

Summaries of the calculations for these fees by project category and expenses are attached hereto as **Exhibit 1** and **Exhibit 2**, respectively. A summary of the time expended by Porter Hedges attorneys and support staff, together with their respective hourly rates, is attached hereto as **Exhibit 3**. Porter Hedges’ invoice for the Application Period is attached hereto as **Exhibit 4**.

**WHEREFORE**, Porter Hedges respectfully requests payment and reimbursement in accordance with the procedures set forth in the proposed Interim Compensation Order (*i.e.*, payment of eighty percent (80%) of the compensation sought, in the amount of \$30,032.40 and reimbursement of one hundred percent (100%) of expenses incurred in the amount of \$2,523.07 in the total amount of \$32,555.47.

Dated: September 8, 2025.  
Houston, Texas

Respectfully Submitted,

By: /s/ Joshua W. Wolfshohl

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

This will certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document was forwarded by electronic transmission to all registered ECF users appearing in the case on September 8, 2025.

/s/ Joshua W. Wolfshohl

Joshua W. Wolfshohl

**EXHIBIT 1****SUMMARY OF TIME EXPENDED BY PROJECT CATEGORY**

<b>Project Category</b>	<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>Total Fees Requested</b>
Asset Analysis/Recovery	0.00	0.00
Asset Disposition	44.00	37,540.50
Employment/Fee Application	0.00	0.00
Tax Matters	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>44.00</b>	<b>37,540.50</b>

**EXHIBIT 2****SUMMARY OF OUT-OF-POCKET EXPENSES**

<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Computer Assisted Legal Research	691.57
Computer Services	1,831.50
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,523.07</b>

**EXHIBIT 3****SUMMARY OF TIME EXPENDED BY ATTORNEYS AND SUPPORT STAFF**

<b>Professional</b>	<b>Hourly Rate</b>	<b>Total Hours</b>
Geoffrey L. Schultz	\$1,100.00	7.10
Joshua W. Wolfshohl	\$995.00	9.60
Michael B. Dearman	\$745.00	19.30
Jordan T. Stevens	\$725.00	8.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>44.00</b>

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Invoice Date: September 08, 2025  
Invoice Num.: 581756  
Matter Number: 018577-0001  
Billing Attorney: Joshua W. Wolfshohl  
Tax ID: #74-2174193

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Matter: Alex Jones

For professional services rendered and costs incurred through August 31, 2025

Professional Fees	37,540.50
Disbursements	2,523.07
<b>Total Amount Due</b>	<b>\$40,063.57</b>

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**Time Detail**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Initials</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Amount</u>
08/01/2025	MBD	Conference with C. Murray, E. Jones, G. Schulz, and J. Wolfshohl regarding case issues and strategy (1.3); review additional documents and transcripts (1.7); correspond with G. Schulz regarding same (.2).	3.20	2,384.00
08/01/2025	JWW	Conference call regarding estate tax issues.	1.00	995.00
08/01/2025	GLS	Continue reviewing documentation forwarded by M. Dearman (.5); call with working group regarding same (1.0).	1.50	1,650.00
08/04/2025	MBD	Review and analyze A. Jones removal pleading.	0.90	670.50
08/05/2025	MBD	Attention to correspondence regarding removal and transfer (.1); correspond with Trustee, Trustee's team, and J. Wolfshohl regarding same (.1).	0.20	149.00
08/05/2025	JWW	Review motion to transfer filed by A. Jones and emails with Trustee regarding same (.4); emails regarding status of estate assets (.2); review invoices for fee statement preparation (.2).	0.80	796.00
08/05/2025	GLS	Review various correspondence and orders (.3); call with working group, including C. Murray and accountants (1.2); correspondence with M. Dearman regarding same (.3).	1.80	1,980.00
08/06/2025	MBD	Analyze tax issues (1.0); correspond with Trustee and PH team regarding case issues (.1); conference regarding removal (.5).	1.60	1,192.00
08/06/2025	JWW	Emails regarding tax issues (.2); review analysis of estate cash and other matters in preparation for call (.3); conference call with TX/CT creditors regarding estate assets, causes of action and related issues (.8); follow-up with E. Jones regarding same (.5).	1.80	1,791.00
08/07/2025	JWW	Analyze tax issues and emails regarding same (.3); conference call with team regarding same and asset abandonment issues (.7).	1.00	995.00



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08/07/2025	MBD	Conference with Trustee, E. Jones, and PH team regarding case strategy (.7); conference with E. Jones regarding case issues (.2); conference with J. Stevens regarding motion regarding assets (.3); continue drafting assets motion (1.1).	2.30	1,713.50
08/07/2025	JTS	Prepare for and speak and attend call with members of the Trustee and Porter Hedges Teams, including in light of review of the Notice of Partial Removal (.7); review and analyze the Debtor's pleadings and create a chart summarizing the same (2.1); correspond with J. Wolfshohl and M. Dearman regarding the same (.1).	2.90	2,102.50
08/08/2025	MBD	Continue draft motion regarding FSS assets (1.0); attention to correspondence with J. Stevens regarding same (.1); analyze pleadings and orders regarding FSS asset status (.3).	1.40	1,043.00
08/10/2025	MBD	Correspond with Trustee regarding 60(b) motion (.1); analyze applicability of rule 60(b) (.2); continue draft motion treating FSS assets (1.7).	2.00	1,490.00
08/11/2025	MBD	Continue draft Rule 60 motion (1.6); analyze case law regarding same (.5); correspond with J. Stevens regarding motion (.1); correspond with Trustee regarding same (.1).	2.30	1,713.50
08/11/2025	JTS	Locate precedent to be used in connection with the motion regarding the abandonment and deposit of estate property (.1); correspond with M. Dearman regarding the same (.2).	0.30	217.50
08/13/2025	JWW	Emails regarding press inquiry and asset abandonment.	0.20	199.00
08/13/2025	MBD	Review and analyze state court pleadings and receivership order (.3); conference and correspond with J. Stevens regarding additional issues (.2); conference with C. Murray regarding rule 60(b) motion (.1)	0.60	447.00
08/13/2025	JTS	Review and analyze the Turnover Order entered in state court (.8); review and analyze the docket in that state court proceeding, including select filings therein, and	2.60	1,885.00

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		provide requested copies thereof to the members of the Porter Hedges and Trustee Teams (1.2); exchange multiple communications with members of the Porter Hedges and Trustee Teams (.4); speak with M. Dearman regarding the Turnover Order (.2).		
08/14/2025	MBD	Conference with Trustee, E. Jones, J. Wolfshohl, and J. Stevens regarding case strategy (.4); revise rule 60(b) motion (1.0); correspond with G. Schulz regarding same (.1).	1.50	1,117.50
08/14/2025	JWW	Conference with Trustee team regarding open issues in case.	0.50	497.50
08/14/2025	JTS	Prepare for and speak and attend call with members of the Trustee and Porter Hedges Teams (.9); conduct legal research and analysis regarding potential next steps in light of the Turnover Order (1.2); correspond with members of the Trustee and Porter Hedges Teams regarding the same (.1).	2.20	1,595.00
08/15/2025	MBD	Correspondence with G. Schulz regarding Rule 60(b) motion (.2); revise Rule 60(b) motion (1.3); correspond with Trustee and PH team regarding case issues (.1).	1.60	1,192.00
08/15/2025	GLS	Review bankruptcy filing (.5); draft and send comments on same to M. Dearman (1.0).	1.50	1,650.00
08/18/2025	JWW	Phone conference regarding receivership filing (1.0); follow-up call with C. Murray and E. Jones regarding same and tax issues (.6); follow-up emails regarding tax issues (.3).	1.90	1,890.50
08/18/2025	MBD	Correspond with E. Jones regarding motion to transfer venue (.1); review and analyze answers to complaints (.1).	0.20	149.00
08/18/2025	GLS	Correspondence with E. Jones regarding various matters (.2); review revised motion and accompanying judgment (1.2); draft further edits and comments to same (.7); send revised draft to M. Dearman (.2).	2.30	2,530.00
08/19/2025	MBD	Review and analyze answers to complaints (.4);	1.10	819.50

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		conference with E. Jones regarding adversary proceedings and case status (.4); conference with J. Wolfshohl regarding case tasks (.2); correspond with Trustee, E. Jones, and J. Wolfshohl regarding adversary proceedings (.1).		
08/19/2025	JWW	Conference and emails with M. Dearman regarding answers filed by various defendants and issues related to asset sales and abandonment.	0.40	398.00
08/22/2025	MBD	Conference with E. Jones regarding answers (.2); review answers to complaints (.2).	0.40	298.00
08/26/2025	JWW	Emails with counsel for receiver (.2); emails regarding status of house sale and order from court (.1).	0.30	298.50
08/27/2025	JWW	Conference with C. Murray and E. Jones regarding open case issue (.5); review emails from S. Jordan and receiver (.1); conference with counsel for receiver regarding request for information (.8); follow-up with E. Jones regarding same (.3).	1.70	1,691.50
<b>Total</b>			<b>44.00</b>	<b>\$37,540.50</b>

**Total Services** **\$37,540.50**

**Timekeeper Summary**

<u>Initials</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Timekeeper Title</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Amount</u>
GLS	Geoffrey L. Schultz	Partner	7.10	1,100.00	7,810.00
JWW	Joshua W. Wolfshohl	Partner	9.60	995.00	9,552.00
MBD	Michael B. Dearman	Associate	19.30	745.00	14,378.50
JTS	Jordan T. Stevens	Associate	8.00	725.00	5,800.00
<b>Total</b>			<b>44.00</b>		<b>\$37,540.50</b>

**Cost Summary**

<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
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<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>\$2,523.07</b>

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<b>Total This Invoice</b>	<b>\$40,063.57</b>
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